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1. On 16 August 1953 the North Korean Truce Delegation Headquarters was at BT-846055, on a hill about 10 meters high, approximately 30 meters northwest of the Kaesong Commercial School in Manwol-dong, Kaesong. There were 10 Korean-styled houses and 3 western-styled houses on the hill. [REDACTED] resided in one of the latter, which was shared by three or four clerks and secretaries. One North Korean army soldier, armed with a PPSH, stood duty at the main gate, and another guard patrolled the grounds. [REDACTED] and other high-ranking members resided in separate houses, along with their respective staffs. Their houses were guarded in the same manner as was [REDACTED]. Some of the lower ranking members of the delegation also lived on the hill and others were billeted in the surrounding area. There were approximately 30 high-ranking and 30 low-ranking members attached to the delegation, including six women: two typists, three telephone operators, and a major from the North Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs who acted as a Chinese-Korean interpreter. 25X1
2. In one of the houses in the area was a dining room for the lower ranking members in the area. Other lower ranking members ate with the local inhabitants with whom they lived. The senior staff had special meals brought directly to their houses. The Communications Section [REDACTED] was equipped with seven or eight powerful Soviet radios. Each house in the area contained two or three telephones and radios. In addition to the Kaesong city power, the main delegation area was equipped with two or three generators. One house was converted into a dance hall, where dances were held every Saturday, at 7:30 p.m. Women employees of various organizations in Kaesong and members of the Korean Labor Party attended. In one of the houses in the area was a Support Corps and a dispensary, with three or four doctors in attendance. A hospital for lower ranking members was approximately 10 meters west of the dispensary. The rear section of the hospital was reserved for high-ranking delegation members. 25X1

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3. A guard force of approximately 30 men from the Security Bureau of the North Korean Ministry of Internal Affairs was billeted in two or three houses, approximately 100 meters northeast of the main delegation area. A senior lieutenant was in charge of the guard force. A major general, who was chief of the Security Bureau and former chief of the 1st Bureau under the Ministry of Social Security, commanded the security forces for the Kaesong and Panmunjom areas. He resided in a house near [ ] quarters. There were several guard posts in the area, and six guards, armed with PPSH's, patrolled the area 24 hours a day. One stationary and one roving guard were assigned to each high-ranking member's house. There was a guard post in a hut at the main entrance to the delegation area, with a lieutenant in charge, where all visitors were interviewed and registered by telephone. Kaesong citizens working for the delegation were allowed to move through the area without showing their passes, as they had previously undergone thorough investigation and interrogation. 25X1
4. Two sedans, two Soviet jeeps, and two American jeeps were used for transportation. These were driven by army personnel who lived in the surrounding area. The vehicles were repaired in Kaesong, and fuel and other supplies were obtained from a North Korean army support unit at BT-847053, approximately 30 meters south of the main delegation area. The unit of approximately 20 men was equipped with 10 trucks which were used to transport the bulk of their supplies from P'yongyang.

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